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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**DISCUSSION REGARDING EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS  
(ITEM NO. S-2 ON FEBRUARY 25, 2003 AGENDA)**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) was created in 1993 by a joint exercise of powers agreement (JPA) between the County and City of Los Angeles. In the initial year of the JPA, approximately \$2.5 million in funding was provided by the County, and through fiscal year (FY) 2001-02, this contribution has remained relatively constant. County contributions have provided funding for programs such as the Winter Shelter, McKinney Homeless Assistance, Neighborhood Facilities/Homeless Coordination, Emergency Shelter Grant and Community Development Block Grant.

The County appears to be in compliance with the financial requirements of the February 2001 JPA, which identifies the minimum City and County contributions toward LAHSA's administrative and program costs. LAHSA's comparative schedule of County and City contributions (attached) indicates that each entity's contribution toward LAHSA's administrative costs is similar. However, the City has contributed a higher amount for program costs, primarily for the Community Development Block Grant programs.

For FY 2002-03, total County funding provided to LAHSA is almost \$6.6 million. This amount includes one-time funding of \$2.9 million from the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for Eviction Prevention/Moving Assistance services, and \$1.2 million from the Department of Children and Family Services for the Independent Living Program.

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In addition to the amounts provided to LAHSA, the County provides \$28.7 million in homeless services through several County departments, including:

- Mental Health for AB 2034 services (\$20.0 million), and Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (\$1.5 million)
- Community and Senior Services for the Adult Protective Services Civic Center Project (\$600,000)
- DPSS for General Relief Homeless services (\$2.4 million)
- Health Services for Tuberculosis and OAPP (total not available)

Please contact me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact David Seidenfeld at (213) 974-1457.

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Attachment

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